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FIGHTING MEN OF U. S. READY FOR ANY CRISIS, CHIEFS SILENT

Administration Makes Strenuous Efforts to Put "Soft Pedal" on Talk of Preparing for War.

Spanish-American and Civil War Veterans Sounded, While Army Armies Are Kept Hard at Work.

Although handicapped by strenuous efforts of the Administration to "soft pedal" all talk in official circles of the possibility of armed conflict between the United States and any of the belligerent powers growing out of the war zone hazards to American shipping, and the desire in official circles to avoid even the appearance of anticipating such a contingency, officers of the army and navy are, nevertheless, proceeding systematically with preparations for the unexpected.

The heads of the two departments of the military are studiously avoiding any comment. No confirmation may be obtained from them as to the reports of this preparatory work.

Officers Silent.

It is almost as difficult to get the information from subordinate officers of the two branches of the service, for recently, as a result of the critical situation, orders have gone forward which make it extremely dangerous for officers to even so much as breathe information.

With the recognition of the fact that participation by this country in war, should war unexpectedly develop, would largely fall on the navy, more activity is apparent at the navy yards and in the navy arsenals than at the army posts, but even the army is not idle. The situation that confronts the country has given impetus to the system inaugurated originally by Maj. Gen. Leonard Wood, when chief of staff, to keep the War Department in close touch with the navy, and in case of war, commissioned and non-commissioned officers would have to be drawn to command in the volunteer ranks.

Found Out Veterans.

For this reason, circulars lately have been sent out by the adjutant general's office to veterans of the Spanish-American, and even of the civil war, to find (Continued on Eleventh Page.)

TRAIN "ROBBERY" WAS NOT HOLD-UP

Express Messengers Say They Opened Safe and Threw It From Car.

The "attempted robbery" of the express car on the Florida Plier of the Atlantic Coast Line Thursday night last has been cleared up. A. Y. Chambliss, of Charleston, S. C., and M. M. Williams, of Rosa Hill, N. C., the two messengers on the car at the time, both of whom are now in Washington, have made statements, in which they say they opened the safe and threw it off the car, according to Superintendent J. M. Huff, of the Adams Express Company. Chambliss, it is said, had to get his stamps, ink pad, and other supplies and utensils out of the safe, but did not have the keys with him. The safe was broken open, and then the two men, according to the alleged statements, agreed to tell the story of the "masked robbery." The safe is at the bottom of Aquila creek, the railroad and express company detectives say. It contained no valuable when broken into.

Federal Reserve Note Already Counterfeited

Secret Service headquarters has just uncovered the first counterfeit Federal reserve note to make its appearance. It is a five-dollar note of the Dallas Bank, and the Secret Service men say is poorly done.

P. O. Mysteriously Robbed by Woman

New Orleans Building Entered and \$1,000 Stolen—No Windows or Doors Broken.

NEW ORLEANS, La., Feb. 21.—New Orleans postoffice was mysteriously robbed of \$1,000 in stamps and a small amount of cash last night. Fingerprints, left by a small hand, indicate the burglar was a woman. No windows or doors were broken or forced, and entrance and officials are mystified.

Excise Board Probe To Start Tomorrow

Senator Sheppard Calls Meeting Expecting Authority to Continue Investigation.

Senator Sheppard of Texas, chairman of the special committee to investigate the Excise Board of the District, has called a meeting tomorrow, and hopes to begin the inquiry then. Senator Sheppard does not expect to complete the investigation this session, but hopes to get authority to continue it in the next session. Senators Sheppard and Jones are a subcommittee to form plans for the inquiry. They hope to be able to report to the full committee Monday.

Plans Matinees For Poodle Dogs

Invitations Are Sent Out by Restaurant for Special Evenings for Pets of Patrons.

NEW YORK, Feb. 21.—The dear little poodles are to have tea matinees all their very own! But poodle owners will have to leave their children at home. Bustanoby's, one of Manhattan's ultra-swell restaurants, has announced it is in the future, dogs will be welcomed at Bustanoby's just like in Paris restaurants. Attention is called to the special tea and dog matinees every Friday. "This permits ladies to take their pets with them to the dining room, which will prevent the dogs from catching cold while in the checkroom," said the invitation. "A special attachment to chairs is provided so that the ladies may have their dogs sitting at the table with them." Andre Bustanoby says that on occasions babies have been admitted to the restaurant. They must be well-behaved babies, he said.

Appeal for Frank Set for This Week

Attorneys From Georgia Are Prepared to Take Case Before Supreme Court.

The appeal in the Leo M. Frank case will be argued before the Supreme Court of the United States this week. Attorneys for the appellant have filed a brief of their argument on which they hope to have annulled Frank's sentence of death. It is stated in the brief that the appellant contends that he cannot be held for further trial under the existing indictment if the judgment of death is set aside.

Falls 16 Inches, Breaks Her Neck

Girl Probably Fractures Skull Also But Glass Bowl Is Undamaged.

NEW YORK, Feb. 21.—Ellen Napoli, fourteen years old, fell about sixteen inches today on a staircase in her home. This is what happened: She broke her neck. She suffered internal injuries. Her skull was probably fractured. But a cut glass bowl she was carrying escaped damage. The girl was taken to the Harlem Hospital, where it was said her condition is grave. She was on her way to an ice cream store and she tripped and fell.

Pledges Babe To Avenge Its Father

Wife of Italian Knife Victim Swears Vengeance Over Dead Man's Body.

NEW YORK, Feb. 21.—Kneeling beside the body of her husband, Mrs. Josephine Dorendo today pledged the one-year-old boy she held in her arms to avenge his father's murder. Mrs. Dorendo was called to the Harlem police station to identify the body after Dorendo had been found stabbed to death in front of 7 Prince street. In a pool of blood, detectives found a five-inch dagger of the kind carried by Italian sailors. The stabbing occurred at a well-lighted corner, but detectives could find no Italians who would admit they had been witnesses.

Heir to \$10,000 at 80 Gives Birthday Party

CHICAGO, Feb. 21.—Mrs. August Lauritzen, who inherited \$10,000 a year ago, celebrated her eightieth birthday at her home. Thirty-five friends who have participated in her birthday celebrations for thirty-five years were present. Her husband at the same time received a check for \$2,500, with official word that the first pension payment allowed him by Denmark for his services in the Schleswig-Holstein war.

GUNMAN SAYS BECKER TRIED TO GET HIM TO KILL GAMBLER

Former Police Lieutenant Approached Gangster Twice Before Arranging Murder, Says New Affidavit.

Even Prosecution Never Hinted That Tools Were Hired Personally by Accused—Paper Held in Reserve.

NEW YORK, Feb. 21.—That Charles Becker, former police lieutenant, whose third trial for the murder of Herman Rosenthal will take place soon, personally sought out a notorious gunman to kill Rosenthal, is the charge contained in an affidavit in the office of the district attorney, it became known today. The affidavit is made by the gunman himself, who tells that he was approached twice before arrangements for the murder were made with "Lefty Louie" Rosenberg, "Gyp the Blood" Horowitz, "Whitey" Lewis, and "Dago Frank" Cirofici, the four slayers who paid the penalty in the Sing Sing death chamber last April. Never Hinted Before.

The importance of this affidavit lies in the fact that never before, even during the bitterest arraignments of Becker or before the two juries which convicted him was it hinted that he went to any hired assassin personally to bargain for the killing of the gambler. That Becker was the power that engineered the murder was charged, but it was alleged only that he gave his orders to gunmen through "Jack" Rose, "Bridgie" Webber, and Harry Vallon. The four gunmen who were electrocuted for the actual murder always asserted vehemently that they never had seen Becker until after their arrest. The prosecution did not deny this, contending at all times that Becker's cause was to be maintained only by Rose, Webber, and occasionally Vallon. These three knew the condemned and executed it.

The gunman who charges that Becker in person came to him was held in reserve all during the second trial. He was to have been used as a witness, it is understood, but the prosecution's case was so strong that Governor Whitman, then district attorney, decided not to bring forth his secret witness.

Those who already have consented to serve on Mrs. Barrett's Federal jury committee are Mrs. Thomas R. Marshall, Mrs. William Jennings Bryan, Mrs. Lindsey Miller Garrison, Mrs. Thomas Watt Gregory, Mrs. Albert Sidney Burleson, Mrs. Franking Knight Lane, Mrs. William Cox Redfield, Mrs. Anthony Caminetti, Mrs. Claude Swanson, Mrs. Charles Carlin, Mrs. William Jones, and Mrs. Henry Couden.

INDIANS AWAIT POSSE FROM BEHIND FORT

U. S. Marshal, With Deputies, Closing in on Rebellious Redskins in Colorado.

DOLORES, Colo., Feb. 21.—Latest reports from Bluff declare that quiet prevails in the region, where a clash is feared between Plute Indians strongly entrenched near the town and a posse headed by United States Marshal Nebeker. The marshal and his men met the portion of the posse which set out from Cortez, Colo., and it is believed they will certainly appear before the fortifications of the Indians before the day is over. There has been no indication on the part of the Indians of surrendering, it was declared. The authorities at Bluff have taken every precaution to prevent any trouble before the marshal and his forces arrive. The Indians, it is said, have made several raids upon live stock in this vicinity, but the people in the region have been urged to make no advance toward the stronghold for fear of precipitating a fight.

Japan Sending Fresh Troops to Manchuria

TOKYO, Feb. 21.—A representative of the war department is quoted as saying that the Japanese troops now in service in Manchuria would be replaced by fresh forces from Japan. This perhaps explains an unfounded report that two divisions of Japanese troops would be mobilized to proceed to China.

DONATION WORKERS, YOUNG AND YOUNGER



WIVES OF OFFICIALS IN DONATION WEEK

Mrs. Marshall and Ladies of the Cabinet to Work for Cause on Tuesday.

With the wife of the Vice President the ladies of the Cabinet, and wives of other prominent men in official life on her committee, Mrs. Kate Waller Barrett, in charge of Federal Day, today announced plans that will make the wind-up of District donation week next Tuesday a red letter event. News of the comprehensive plans of Mrs. Barrett had been kept under cover today. But Mrs. Barrett has been working quietly to get the cream of Washington officials' wives on her committee. She also has obtained the privilege of entering several Government buildings, including the State, War, and Navy Department, and yesterday Speaker Clark threw open the house office building to her for Tuesday.

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"Share a day's wages" is the slogan for Federal Day. Mrs. Barrett appeals to every Federal office holder in the District to make a donation of at least 20 per cent of the salary received on Tuesday. Mrs. Barrett urges those who will help on that day in the departments to telephone her, or let her know at once by letter. Many more workers will be needed on the closing day than have been employed earlier in the week. In addition to the collection boxes in each Government department it is planned to distribute envelopes through the rooms of the clerks, and have these envelopes collected by the Donation Week workers.

Yesterday Donation Week workers broke into vaudeville. For the first time within the memory of most theatergoers here the collection plat was passed in a theater for charity. Through the courtesy of Manager Roland Robins, of Koth's Theater, a dozen (Continued on Second Page.)

GIRL WINS \$10,000 PRIZE

A St. Louis girl stenographer is just \$10,000 richer today as the result of her cleverness in solving the problem in "The Million Dollar Mystery."

Her solution as well as the last chapter of the noted photo play will be found today on page 13 of

DON'T FORGET DISTRICT WARDEN

Above, left to right, MISS NELLIE DOXON, MISS KATHARINE T. ABRAMS, MISS GRACE MOSER and MISS EUNICE WHYTE. ROSE VALKER, from the Foundlings' Home, soliciting subscriptions at Keith's.

Mixed Flour Bill May Solve Cost of Living

Congress Likely to Repeal Tax on Product Containing Eighty Per Cent of Wheat to Drive Bread Prices Down.

A mixed flour bill, which comes closer to every American home than even the ship purchase bill, probably will be passed by the present Congress in an effort to stay the rise in the price of bread, which bids fair to take from the country more than \$100,000,000 within the present year.

If the present tax on mixed flour were repealed it would allow bolted flour to be sold, consisting of 80 per cent wheat flour and 20 per cent corn flour, a combination which can be manufactured much more cheaply than pure wheat flour. The question of repealing this tax probably will be taken up by the Ways and Means Committee of the House tomorrow.

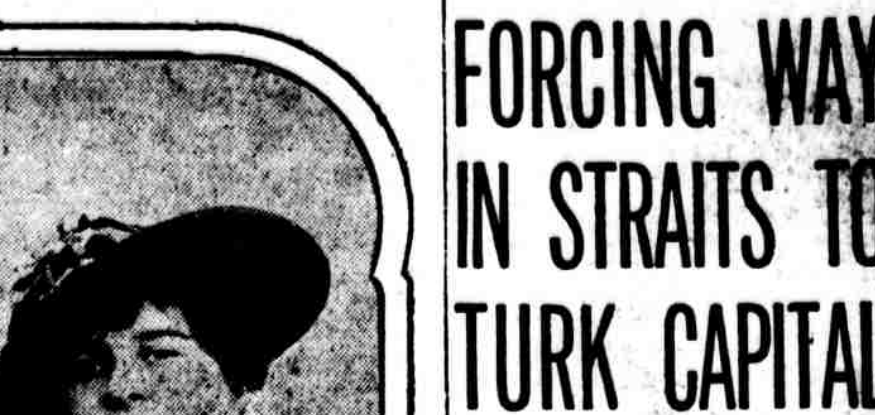
LIKELY TO GO INTO EFFECT SOON.

If a bill repealing this tax passes the House this session the indications are that the Senate Finance Committee will report it favorably and that it will go into effect this spring. Mixed flour as a rule does not contain more than 20 per cent of the corn product, for a larger percentage would not mix well. It is almost as wholesome and palatable as the pure wheat flour and is used in the same way. It has been estimated that the average American consumes a barrel of flour a year. Granting that this is the case and that every American has to pay 1 cent more a loaf for the bread made from his barrel of flour, the total increase would be more than a quarter of a billion dollars in the money spent for wheat bread alone. The corresponding increase in money spent for corn, rye, barley, and other grain products would add materially to this sum, not to mention the rise in meat caused by higher feed prices.

Advocates Two Measures.

Mrs. Julian Heath, of New York city, president of the Housewives' League, is advocating two measures to decrease the price of bread. One is an embargo on wheat and the other is a wider use of corn meal. Mrs. Heath says the Housewives' League has realized for some time that increased prices for bread were inevitable and has been sending notice to its members to make no effort to attack the bakers, because they are forced to charge more because their flour costs them more. "The average housewife would do well to learn more of the use of corn meal," says Mrs. Heath. "The price of cornmeal has not gone up much yet, and even though it did go up, it would remain a cheap and very nutritious food, and it can be made to take the place of a part of the weekly bread supply of the family."

ALLIED FLEET FORCING WAY IN STRAITS TO TURK CAPITAL



Thirty-two Warships Closing in on Forts Guarding Both Sides of Entrance to the Dardanelles.

Two Pulverized by Terrific Battering—Ottoman Submarines Prevented by Destroyers From Attacking Allies.

LONDON, Feb. 21.—Just after dawn this morning the rain of shells from the great allied fleet again began to fall upon the doomed forts guarding the entrance to the Dardanelles.

Reports from sources close to the admiralty today indicate that the great coup is at hand, and it is generally expected that the fall of the Turkish capital is near.

Aeroplanes are hovering over the fortifications, dropping bombs, as the warships are standing in so close, as the fire from land weakens, that virtual broadsides are being poured in on the fast crumbling forts.

Thirty-two British and French warships, the greatest fleet of armoured vessels ever engaged in action, supported by an aerial squadron, is battering to pieces the Turkish fortifications guarding both shores at the entrance to the Dardanelles.

Early Capture Seen.

It is reported in dispatches received today from Athens and the island of Lemnos that the Anglo-French fleet is forcing a passage to the straits that lead to Constantinople, and that all the indications point to the collapse of Turkey in Europe with the early capture of the Ottoman capital. The forts on both European and Asiatic sides of the Dardanelles are crumbling under the terrific pounding, and the progress of the allied fleet of attack has been such that the warships have moved in close enough to bring their second batteries into action.

Fire from the forts on the Asiatic side is reported as weakening, though it has not been effective, while the resistance offered by the strongholds on the European side is almost entirely broken. The British and French warships have been hammering away at the chain that bars the way to Constantinople. For three days the great twelve-inch guns of the British battlecruisers and battleships comprising the Mediterranean fleet, aided by smaller vessels of French armaments, have been hammering away at the chain that bars the way to Constantinople. The British and French commanders deny any of their ships have been hit. During the heaviest bombardment, a shell exploded the main powder magazine of Fort Bourne. Reports reaching here declare a large part of the garrison was literally torn to pieces by the force of the explosion. The fire of the warships is being directed by British aviators flying in aeroplanes that are sent into the air from the flying parent ship, the Ark Royal. The aviators have been subjected to a brisk fire from the aerial guns mounted on Fort Bourne-Kalcedon, but they have not been hit so far as can be learned here.

Ships Close to Shore. The combined fleet under the command of Admiral Sackville H. Carden and the bombardment of the forts is being borne by the British battleships Vengeance, Cornwallis and Triumph, which, because of their heavy armament, have been ordered to approach the entrance to the straits and utilize both their main batteries of 12-inch guns and their secondary batteries of 6-inch guns. The British have been constantly closed in to protect the battleships. The night commencing on Friday and continuing throughout the day, during the night the fleet withdrew to its base, but renewed the bombardment early Saturday, ceasing last night only to be recommenced at daylight today.

The admiralty declares there is no truth in Turkish claims that British warships were damaged in the bombardment of the forts at the entrance to the Dardanelles. On the contrary, they asserted not a

DR. KEMP ARRESTED ON "DOPE" CHARGE

Dr. Thomas J. Kemp, of 1827 Sixteenth street northwest, was arrested late last night charged with violation of the Pharmacy laws. It is alleged that Dr. Kemp was responsible for the illegal sale of a habit-forming drug. He was arrested in New York avenue between Thirtieth and Fourteenth streets by Pharmacy Inspector R. A. Sanders on a warrant sworn to by the pharmacy inspector, on information furnished him. It is alleged that Dr. Kemp sold two bottles of morphine, for which he received \$5. The physician was taken to the Sixth precinct station, where he was detained until early this morning, when an attorney furnished a \$500 bond for his appearance in Police Court. He denied most emphatically that he had sold the morphine as alleged, but declared that he had put a young man out of his office who attempted to buy it.